

## Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA) Case Study

### *Biography*

Rudy Mauldin was raised as a cowboy in southeastern New Mexico. He attended college at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and has been a professional farrier, construction lineman, professional rodeo cowboy, and musician. He began his career in law enforcement in 1976 as a Livestock Inspector working theft cases for 3 years. He transferred to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Department as a Special Agent, and then into the Special Investigations Division where he worked cases such as racketeering, commercial gambling, bootlegging, narcotics, syndicated monies in state licensed entities, and associated vice unit activities. In 1990 he became a Special Agent with the Bureau of Land Management and is currently stationed in Salt Lake City, Utah. A few of his Federal accomplishments are:

- Began the use of DNA in archaeological investigations establishing "case precedence" nationwide, after the case withstood the scrutiny of the United States Appellate Court in Denver, Colorado.
- Second largest marijuana cultivation case in Utah history, wherein employees of his own agency were arrested and federally convicted.
- First prehistoric Native American rock art destruction conviction nationwide to receive federal prison sentencing.
- First state archaeological case to withstand the scrutiny of the Utah Supreme Court, establishing that prehistoric burials qualify as "cemeteries," within the laws protecting against desecration of human remains.
- First Wild Horse and Burro Act conviction to withstand the scrutiny of the United States Appellate Court, receiving 5½ years federal prison time, the longest sentence for an associated crime of this type in U.S. history.
- Involved in the investigation and indictment of more federal felony violators for archaeological vandalism than any other officer nationwide.

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